

The Mouth of the River

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Russian students say their final goodbyes to their hosts

SOVIET DEPART AFTER GOOD VISIT

by Brian Killgore

Goodbyes could be heard in several different languages on March 21 as Oyster River High School's 15 Russian visitors left for their trip home.

During the Russians 10 day visit, they saw the usual tourist sites: the city of Portsmouth and Strawberry Banke as well as Boston.

One of the most fas-

cinating adventures for the Russians was their trip to Shaws Supermarket in Dover. They were not only surprised at the size of the store, but at the availability of food and other products within it.

During the week, the students visited the Mill Pond Center, went skiing at Ragged Mountain and toured Portsmouth Hospital. Mrs.

Yelena Evstignneeva, one of the teachers who went skiing for the first time, tore two ligaments in her knee. She had an operation on March 19 at Wentworth Douglas Hospital and will remain in the United States for two weeks to recover.

At first there was some doubt as to whether or not the Russians would ever make USSR cont. pg. 11

E.A.R. PLANNING SPEAKER FOR ENVIROMENTAL ASSEMBLY

by Jim Poteet

Plans for an Environmental Awareness Research assembly took precedent in the meeting last Wednesday.

A list of potential speakers has been compiled for the assembly, which would be in the

beginning of May. The Union of Concerned Scientists, and The Audubon Society topped the list of environmental groups that will be contacted.

It was decided at the meeting that the assembly would be more than

dictation of statistics, but that the audience would be involved. Various skits or a round-robin discussion were two ideas suggested.

"The enthusiasm of the group has grown EAR cont. pg. 10



Kyle Downing expresses his concerns at a recent EAR meeting

Students, Teachers have some anxieties about Seabrook license

by Toby Mautz

Many Oyster River students are worried about the recent Nuclear Regulatory Commission ruling giving Seabrook Station a full-power operating license.

Although a few students favor nuclear power, the majority of students fear the health risks. Many

students also worry that the entire Seacoast may be in jeopardy because of Seabrook.

After 17 years of fighting in court, Seabrook Station owners were finally granted a full-power operating license. The exact date of start up was postponed from March 8 to March 15, to allow a

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Russian cameramen, their last moments on film

JUDGE SHIFTS FOURNIER TRIAL OUT OF COUNTY AFTER S.A.D.D. LETTER

by Tracie Peek

The Oyster River High School Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) group will apologize to a Superior Court Judge and Karl Ebinger for a letter containing incorrect information, group officials said last week.

According to Senior Sarah Gillespie, she wrote the letter stating Ebinger had killed someone else before allegedly killing Tracey Fournier and had it signed by 100 students, asking that Ebinger get the maximum sentence.

Pat Rainboth of the N.H. DWI Prevention Council had told SADD about Tracey's case. "She started talking about other cases and I

guess that's when we got confused," said Gillespie. SADD members thought Rainboth was talking about Ebinger when she described a driver who had killed someone while driving drunk then had gotten out of jail and had killed another person. In fact, Rainboth had been talking about someone else.

At Ebinger's sentencing March 20, Judge Nadeau blamed SADD members for spending misleading information. "That is horrible. It is absolutely false. Ebinger was never sentenced for that," said Judge Nadeau.

Ebinger, 30, of Denver, Colorado, agreed in December to one count of negligent Four. cont. pg 9

Theme "A Night in Paris"

Prom tickets go on sale April 16

A NIGHT IN PARIS
At Luka's of Hampton Falls
\$25.00 per couple

by Kristen Haley

Tickets for the ORHS Junior/Senior Prom, to be held on May 29, will go on sale on April 16 for \$25 per couple.

The annual affair will be held at Luka's Greenhouse in North Hampton, the same place it was held last year.

The Memorial Day bill that would change the State Memorial Day of May 30 to the Federal holiday of May 28 probably will not be brought up for debate in time to effect this year's prom calendar.

With theme "A Night in Paris", the prom feature a black and white illumination of the wall. Other decorations include bridges,

being built by junior Jon Foss, and an Eiffel Tower ice sculpture done by Mike Katz.

"We want it to be done so it looks sophisticated, like last year," said Prom Advisor Ginny Tagliaferro. This year's theme song will be "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. Photographer Gene Paltrineri from Dover will be taking pictures. The committee is going to be screening local DJ's in the next few days.

Senior Tara Truelson commented, "I liked the theme song of the prom last year because anyone could dance to it. Whether or not you had a boyfriend or girlfriend was irrelevant."



"Rock-n-Bowl" Attracts 25 Seniors

by John Gray

Last Friday from 9:30 until 12:30, the Oyster River High School senior class bowled at the Dover Bowl.

Called "Rock-n-Bowl," the event featured a D.J. from WHEB playing singles.

The class paid for the first string of bowling for everyone. Seniors who wanted to play more paid for additional strings.

The night, in total, cost the class almost \$180. Approximately 30 to 35 seniors showed up to bowl, according to Pres. Bill Myers.



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Yearbook completes final deadline

by Toby Mautz

The 1990 Oyster River High School Yearbook, whose theme is "Signatures", is due to come out on June 7 or 8, according to Editor-in-Chief Charles Adkins.

Final deadline material was sent to Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas, Texas, February 15.

Adkins explained that the theme of the yearbook is meant to acknowledge and highlight how the students leave their marks or signatures while at ORHS.

Major setbacks occurred this year getting the pictures taken and developed. According to Yearbook Advisor Steve Denson, "This year there were more problems with the photography than there have been in the past."

The yearbook lost rolls of film through the mail, over 10 pictures. According to Mr. Denson, "This was a major setback."

The 1990 yearbook offers a few new features this year. The book will be large, nine inches wide and nine inches high.

Students who paid \$25 dollars in the fall will have their names printed on the cover. The addition was intended to encourage payment in full and to discourage the stealing of yearbooks in the spring.

Home Economics teacher Anna Nash called the yearbook an "amazingly complex and time-consuming project." The yearbook staff is not a class, so students must volunteer their free time.

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SIX WOMEN STUDENTS RECEIVE ATHLETIC AWARD



by Brian Killgore

Six Oyster River athletes were honored in Concord March 7, in a ceremony that recognized the achievements of women athletes in the state.

Seniors Leslie Christenson, Kathy Cunniff, Janet Moore, Heather Shenefiel, Kerry Swift, and Karen Tagliaferro were all given 1990 New Hampshire Women Athlete Awards in an early evening reception. The award is given every year to celebrate "History of Women" month.

ORHS Prin. Ann Draper Brown said that to be nominated for the award, students must

participate in two varsity sports, while maintaining a B+ average in school. This is the first time students from ORHS have won the award in the three years of its existence.

"I was excited to hear about it," said award winner Janet Moore. "I think it's important to recognize the achievements of women."

At the awards ceremony Gov. Judd Gregg spoke to the 114 winners, commending them and declaring their achievements a "Theme for the 90's." He also raised a few eyebrows saying that the accomplishments of these athletes were proof that none of them were

on drugs.

"It was an off-bat kind of thing," said Moore. "He sounded like he was campaigning."

Besides Governor Gregg, former pro golfer and former Portsmouth resident Jane Blalock, spoke to the group. She compared women's athletics today to when she was in high school where there were no women teams at all.

"She called the pioneers for women athletics," said Mr. Brown, referring to the fact that women now have options for continuing their athletic careers after high school.



Ten more weeks 'till graduation!!!

Oyster River Currents

Students literary magazine expected out in two weeks

by Jason Wall

"Oyster River Currents", a product of the Writing Workshop class is scheduled to be out in around three weeks, said ORHS English teacher Richard Tappan, the coordinator and advisor of the publication.

All the illustrations for the magazine have been created by Mr. Child's fourth period art class. The class is currently drafting cover designs for submission.

This year, all of the students in the

class were asked to submit something to the magazine. Mr. Tappan anticipates the magazine will be around 75 pages compared to the usual 50 or so.

This year the physical format of the magazine will be eleven inches by eight inches and a half size page. Formerly, the magazine was "Reader's Digest" size. Also, new this year, is the fourth period art class illustrating the magazine.

Mr. Tappan commented, "It (the magazine) is behind schedule. I thought it would be out before Christmas. 'Currents' is struggling to stay under its \$250 budget. We may just print the cover down town, and mimeograph the rest of the publication here if we can't work something out."

Seniors produce 35 scripts for Follies

by Marisa More

Last Tuesday, March 20, from 7 to 8 o'clock, the seniors met for the second time in Advisor Susan Smith's room to continue the script writing process.

Weather and homework limited the number of seniors who came to the meeting. Approximately thirty-five people attended. Mrs. Smith said the number of seniors involved is equal to past years.

"There are about 35 skits in all. The majority of the skits so far will remain. The date of the Follies is May 3 and 4," according to Pam Worden.

After the skits are handed in on April 6, the deadline, they will be reviewed for acceptability by a board consisting of a group of teachers and the Senior Follies directors.

Consideration is given to many things: Is it funny or effective? Is it in good taste? How many other similar skits are there and does it get as many people on stage as possible?

Tryout for the vacant roles are scheduled for April 5, 9, and 10. Performances with personal requests for roles will be considered during the casting.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATION ALL ANGERED AT THE MEDIOCRITY LETTER

by Jeremy Ward

A recent Foster's Daily Democrat Letter to the Editor describing the Oyster River School District as mediocre has met with resistance and great anger among members of the student body, faculty and administration.

On February 21 the Democrat published the editorial by Dennis McNamee, a resident of Lee. The letter suggested that teachers in the district are "...so intensely mediocre they haven't even a clue as to what mediocrity is."

High School principal Ann Draper Brown said she thought that O.R. had a fine level of teaching in its schools; she also emphasized the fact that she had worked in four other school districts before coming to Oyster River. About the teach-

ner at the high school, she said "we have a deeply concerned staff that focuses a lot of attention on the kids."

Not every aspect of the letter was disputed. McNamee mentioned the fact that many teachers in the district expect the students to provide their own school supplies, something students from lower income may find difficult to do. Some felt this was not entirely untrue. Senior Bill Myers, member of the journalism class and longtime district resident commented, "I have wondered how less advantaged students can afford all the notebooks, pens and pencils they are expected to have, not to mention extras like field trips. It seems the school should be able

to provide more." But he added, "Still, providing the students with materials is the district and taxpayers problem not the teachers. They have enough to worry about already."

Ms. Brown commented that she has a small supply of money specifically for helping children who can't afford such things such as field trips.

The overall content of the letter was disputed by most however. "If Oyster River is so mediocre, how come we're always among the top rated public schools in the state?" asked senior Jim Poteet, also a member of the Journalism class.

Members of the district aren't the only ones questioning the validity of McNamee's

argument. Joe Scascitelli, boys track coach and a teacher at Dover High School commented upon hearing about the editorial. "He should come visit Dover. A kid near the bottom of the class here would fit right into the middle at Dover."

The judgement Foster's exercised in printing the article as a community commentary, rather than just a letter to the editor was also questioned. "From a journalistic standpoint it just didn't make much sense (to give it the Community Commentary status)," said senior editor of the Mouth of the River Eric Knapp. "He used a lot of really big words, but other than that it really didn't say much. He didn't back up his points very well."

MATH TEAM 3RD IN STATE MEET

by Brandon Gray

The Oyster River High School Math Team has an April 10 meet in Newmarket.

Friday, March 16, the team placed third in the sixteenth annual state math contest held at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. The ten-member team, competing against schools two and three times as large, finished with an impressive 271 points, just 12 behind co-winners Milford and Laconia.

"It was exciting, but in a way it was kind of sad," said Peter Stoykovich, team advisor. "It came down to one question in the last round and we got

it wrong."

Last round questions are worth 12 points each, and would have clinched first place for the team. After completing the first five rounds, including arithmetic, algebra I, geometry, algebra II and advanced math, Oyster River was in the lead.

In the sixth and final round, however, the team got only three of five correct and had to settle for third. Mr. Stoykovich was nevertheless quite satisfied with the team's performance.

"The team did super," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

Mr. Stoykovich had remarked earlier that a finish anywhere in the top five would be outstanding.

Two of the seven perfect scores at the meet came from Oyster River, with senior Leslie Christenson and junior Brendan Crill each scoring 30 points. Crill and Christenson, along with junior Evan Freuder, were recognized with a plaque for their outstanding performances.

Fifty teams competed in both the large and small school divisions combined. In addition to Freuder, Christenson and Crill, the school was represented by sen-

iors Blake Tucker, Kerry Swift, and Karen Gooze; juniors Bill Stansfield and Melissa Geeslin; and sophomores Eric Ritvo and Aaron Birch.



Mr. Stoykovich prepares for the final math meet.

EDITORIAL

In reaction to a Community Commentary which appeared in Fosters Daily Democrat on February 21 by Dennis McNamee "Oyster River: Mediocrity at it's Best": as we read through Mr. McNamee's complaint of Oyster River schools we could not help but think that here's a man who has wasted one third of Foster's Editorial page.

Launching an onslaught of insupportable accusations, he fails to come up with any viable arguments. Mr. McNamee leads the reader into an obscure description of a school which could only have come from his imagination. As an eleven-year student of this school district I can see, Mr. McNamee has not taken part in a class where Phyllis Kinzie recites poetry from Shel Silverstein's "Where the Sidewalk Ends" to fourth graders, one where Richard Tappan, with an English accent, reads Dickens, or seen Emma Rous alerting students to our numerous social and environmental problems.

"Neutered by moral confusion and intellectual drift," McNamee describes Oyster River students, ignoring the fact that this system continues to turn out students headed for the most competitive colleges in the country, and consistently ranks among the top public schools in the state. One teacher from another seacoast school who is familiar with both his and the Oyster River district described the academic inequities between the schools. In his view Oyster River is solidly on top, and results have shown that this is also true comparing Oyster River to other schools in the seacoast area.

McNamee complains of the high cost of teachers who are as he states "Mediocre." He suggests hiring younger teachers for lower salaries would be an answer to such costs, yet he still wants the abilities of the more experienced instructors.

We hate to be a bearer of bad news, Mr. McNamee, but the cost of living, even for teachers, has gone up since 1890, and you can't pay nickels and dimes for the teaching abilities of people responsible for the education of future leaders, writers, scientists, educators, and the people who will assume the various positions of society.

We are sure that Mr. McNamee has his reasons for his tirade. Maybe he is concerned about the high-cost of living here in the seacoast. Who isn't? Blame it on our tax structure, not our schools.

Finally, we would like to give you a little advice Mr. McNamee, something you would have learned if you had attended Oyster River. Before writing an essay -- do your HOMEWORK!

--James Poteet--

Commentary

Individualized instruction: Still a long way to go

by Jason Wall

Since 1970 the stated philosophy of the Oyster River District has been "individualized instruction." It is assumed that means that the needs of the student comes first, and that teaching should be directed at meeting those needs.

Although Oyster River has done pretty well, there are many areas where the school would appear to fall short in living up to that philosophy.

There is an inconsistency between the way we are told we will be taught, and the way we are taught.

There are many ways students could help teachers in their quest to individualize learning.

Students could be given the option of setting their standards and, thereby setting

their grading system. Students might set their own goals with the help of their teacher to guide them from an impossible load or a too simple load.

Classes often ask students to take risks, such as speaking in a debate and persuasion class or presenting an unpopular opinion in class.

The school rarely asks a teacher to take risks. Some teachers take risks in speaking of experiences they have had in the past or expressing their personal opinion on a subject of some controversy.

The system for any student with a learning difference is to put them into some sort of remedial program or class and assume that will cure all. Classes should allow for differences in learning styles, and it should

not be considered a short fall when a student learns in different way.

It might help classes if the students were allowed to lend a hand in the decisions in how and in what order a particular unit might be taught. This would aid kids in learning in that kids with different learning

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Commentary SOVIET VISIT

Helps us understand ourselves

Now that our Soviet guests are gone, it is interesting to reflect on their observations of us. They were very impressed by the academic level, for the most part, and they were surprised at how busy we all are. They were also excited by the variety and creativity of many of our class activities-- obviously they saw a lot more "fun" in our school day than we do.

Nina Chernova, the head of the tour group, found the school day to be long even though it was interesting. School 185 in Leningrad starts at nine o'clock and ends at three. School activities may keep students until five some days, but the day itself is more relaxed. Students have longer breaks between classes to mix and socialize.

In contrast to Soviet schools, we have much more discussion, more writing about our own viewpoints, more films and group projects, labs, etc., and certainly more homework -- a lesson to us that "more" is not always better.

Soviet students said they felt welcomed by everyone and were made to feel comfortable by the friendliness and interest of students and teachers alike. Irina, who stayed with Tory Jennison, reflected on her work with an economics class. She appreciated the way the students went out of their way to include her in their activities.

She and others felt that many ORHS students were as interested in their lives as they were in ours.

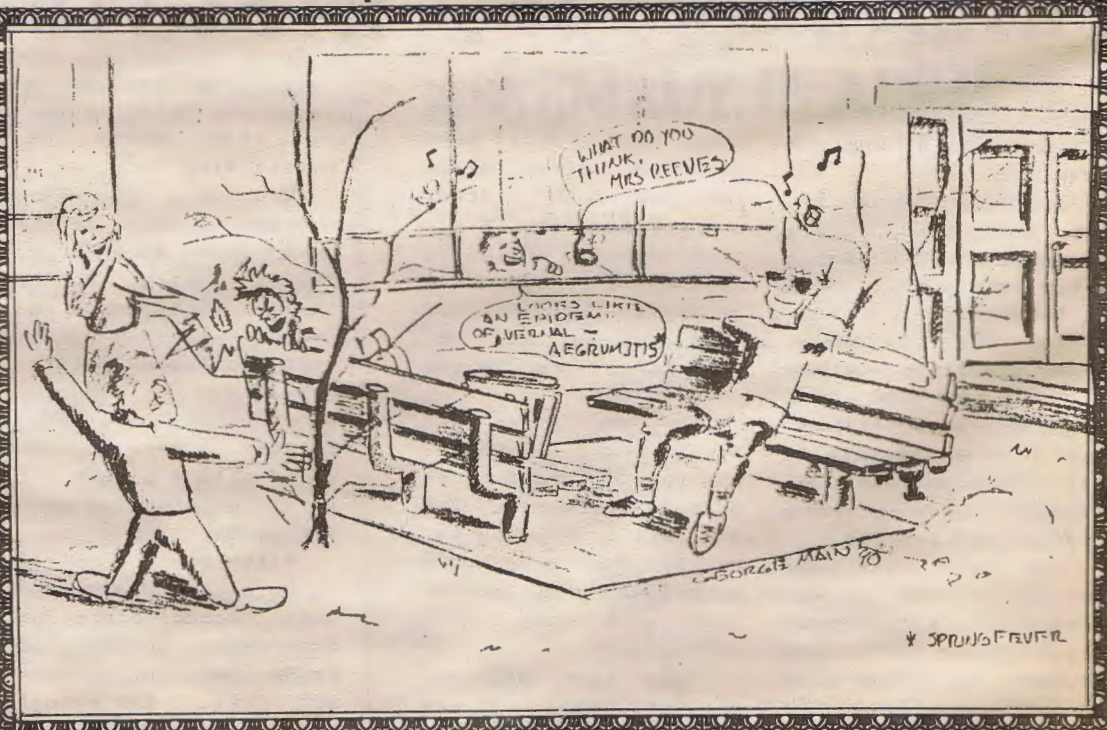
Yet the variation in behavior from some classes to others was noted. Even with foreign guests in the room, some students would speak impolitely. "Can you imagine," said Nina Chernova with her usual humor, "people have come all the way from Leningrad and are guests in this class and this boy puts his muddy boots up on the desk right in my face."

Another thing she noted was the "love-making" in the halls. "It seems that many young people make this everyone else's business. Is this the usual way here?" she asked.

No one had more than minor negative comments.

Denis, who stayed with Chris Jerard, summed up his time in America as "something between wonderful and great." According to Darren Miller's guest, Roman, "Coming to America was the best experience of my life. It is something I will never forget."

The visit by people from far away gives us the ability to recognize the wants and needs of others, but also to see our strengths and faults more clearly so that we can understand the way we live and should be living.



BROWN, MROZ, FITZPATRICK, DEFEND CURRENT POLICY

by Stacey Sweet

A letter to the editor written by Oyster River High School Senior Carl Harter on Bible Studies in the school and the School Board's Closed Forum policy has raised much controversy among students and faculty.

According to ORHS Prin. Ann Draper-Brown, ORHS cannot change its policy on Bible Study Classes despite the letter, because of a school board policy called the 'Equal Access Act,' adopted in 1987. This policy bans clubs or organizations that are not curriculum related from meeting in the school.

Harter feels there is a religious impact in some teachings at ORHS. Harter said in his letter that meditation (required for in health by Lou Mroz) and Tai Chi (taught by Barry Fitzpatrick in Physical Education) are forms of religious instruction.

"In my opinion, no way is Tai Chi a religion," says Mr.

Fitzpatrick, "It's a form of physical exercise, a martial art."

Tai Chi was founded by Tao Monks because the Moslems had to protect themselves and stay in good physical shape.

"Tai Chi enables the student to learn more about themselves," says Mr. Fitzpatrick, "and the individual growth of some of the students is amazing."

Mr. Fitzpatrick also feels that in today's hectic society, people "Don't take time to think...or not to think," and Tai Chi puts a person in touch with the inner self.

Mroz feels that it is preposterous for anyone to equate meditation with religion. He says he is "blown away by the thought that my use of meditation is impressing religious beliefs in health."

Mr. Mroz teaches meditation in health as a method of stress reduction. Mr. Mroz acknowledges that meditation can be used as a part of religion, but

he says today's biggest problem is realizing stress and finding ways to reduce it. "And meditation is one of those ways," he says.

Harter states that the Eastern Methods of relaxation are religion related. Westerners, he says, have developed their own techniques of relaxation.

Harter also says that Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Mroz may not intend to present their stress reducing methods with religious implications, but there are certain elements of religion that have to be explained for students to understand the concepts.

Asst. Prin. for Student Services, Nancy Winterbottom agrees with the feelings of Mr. Mroz and Mr. Fitzpatrick and says she doesn't think they're teaching religion to their students.

Mr. Mroz and Mr. Fitzpatrick plan to write letters to the editor of Mouth of The River.



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characteristics can approach units in different ways if that will aid in their understanding of a subject.

On great shortcoming of "the system" is a student who fails is an inferior student in some way. Someone once said that "You learn more by failing." We seem to forget that and we seem to think since we teach things the same way, that they learned the same way. Homework is a chance for students to fail and learn from it. Some teachers give partial or full credit if a student tries a problem. It should be a

standard. Shouldn't it? Particularly in some math courses, students will not get full credit for homework unless it is completed in full. The student therefor is penalized for not understanding. All work done becomes a test at some level.

The area under the most fire by students is the eternal statement: "So what?!" there seems to be a problem finding or relating the relevance of the things we are taught, to our lives now and in the future. Too often the answer to the eternal statement is: "You'll need it later."



Biology class travels Abroad

by Stacey Sweet

Ten Oyster River High School biology students will visit St. Johns, a U.S. Virgin Island, during April vacation.

Biology teachers Michelle Houseman and Robert Byrnes are organizing the trip and will be supervising the students.

Students going to St. Johns are: Sue Morris, Michelle and Dave Issacson, Gabe Wallman, Ruth Bristol, Rob Martin, Liz Firzuck, Amy Priestly, Sarah Spiller, and Becky Bucar. A regis-

tered nurse will accompany the group to St. Johns.

While there, the students will be studying the local flora and fauna, snorkeling, and hiking. They will also have recreation time.

The group will leave from Logan Airport and will fly to San Juan then on to St. Thomas where they will ferry 20 minutes to St. Johns. The cost of the trip is approximately \$850.

The group leaves on April 19, and will return on April 27.

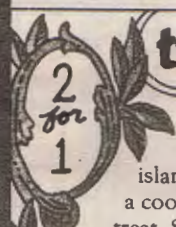
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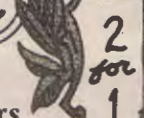
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CRUD FROM THE CREEK

An Oyster River High School Sub-Publication

THE RIVER CHANGES COURSE

By Blades McIliff

Several changes are in order in the high school for the 1990-91 school year. Most of the changes will come in the form of rules to keep increasingly unruly students in line.

Students will see the changes early and often as they return in the fall. Special metal detectors designed to detect pennies in the pockets of seniors will be placed in every door. The drama program is being eliminated to pay for the high-tech devices but then again "Who'll have time for drama with all the time they'll be spending in detention?" asked Ms. Tan.

Hallway traffic will also be subjected to stricter regulation. With the money recieved by eliminating the math team the district plans to purchase "Lucky" and "Melvin" two rabid doberman pinchers. During classes the two dogs will be set free in the halls and anyone without a hall pass (a piece of meat or small freshman will suffice) proceeds at their own risk.

Many new rules have been proposed, but architectural changes are in order too. "With the money we'll save by eliminating the athletic program, we're going to move the urinals

from the bathrooms out into the halls, and finally wipe out smoking in the bathrooms-taking the doors off just hasn't worked," commented Ms. Hitthebottom with a gleam in her eyes, "Then again, maybe we'll just knock down a few walls, that'd be more fun anyways."

The parking problem will become more severe as the front lot is turned into a high-tech detention pen funded from the money saved in eliminating the yearbook and music programs. Ms. Tan explains "We're going to have a great big barbed wire dome with armed guards and watch-towers, kind of a cross between Mad Max, Beyond Thunderdome and Escape from Alcatraz. It should be really neat."

The security gate will also be remodeled. the gate will be the same height and basic construction, but the spikes on top will now be barbed so anyone who falls on top will be caught. "That way anyone who tries to climb the fence Friday will still be hanging there Monday morning and we can throw 'em in the detention pen with Lucky and Melvin," Ms. Hitthebottom said.

The faculty will also be reshuffled, literally and figuratively. One faculty member plans to leave for the summer as a

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For more information on fun new detention ideas over there



Chem. teacher Mrs. Hopkins. She was quoted as saying, "If you print that picture I'll cut off your. . . ."

NEW FIREDRILL PROCEDURE Ignites Student Productivity

by Hacksaw Gutsatter
According to state officials, ORHS will soon be incorporating a new fire-prevention technique into the present drills. The new idea, proposed by well-known terrorist Shasta Brownerbottom, involves asbestos clad soldiers who will proceed to douse the school with flame.

"The students, as we all know, just aren't smart enough, to take a drill seriously unless a real, tangible threat is present," stated school authorities. "Besides, if we start the assault in the bathrooms, we may weed out some of the smokers." Apparently, only smoke of the cigarette variety is under concern. The method, top officials said, also helps keeps the fire dept. on their toes.

When brought before the Health Committee, the proposal was met with a handshake and smile. "The new drill is very beneficial,"

said health official Rob Ishbrain. "The flames should kill at least 95% of viral bacteria in the school, and reduced student population will help decongest the hallways between periods, relieving stress". It is reminded that stress relief greatly enhances one's physical condition.

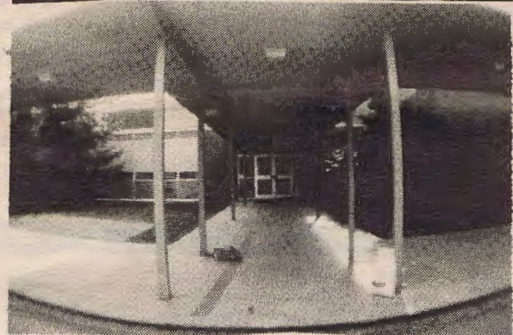
The proposal was also widely accepted by the student body:

"It's fun, being able to write obscene messages in the soot" commented one student.

"I never really knew what my girlfriend was really like inside until I found her charred remains in homeroom on day," said another.

With this success, the school board hopes that others will follow. Future proposals include Torture in detentions and the use of military issue demolitions to solve the parking problem.

APRIL FOOLS



Moisture and cold temperatures have turned O.R.H.S. into a giant frost heave.

Death in the Latrine Drain cancer deaths up 65%

by Pee Wee

Recent studies by the Urinal Association of Retired Plumbers have indicated a drastic 65% increase in the number of cases of lethal Drain Cancer. The statistics reveal that the increase of deaths is directly related to the inhalation of secondary smoke, often found in school lavatories.

"I hate all this smoke because it makes it difficult for me to do my duty," commented Ty D. Bole. "All of these stupid little butts make all of my drain system clogged up. These stats are utterly wrenching both to me and to my associates."

According to top scientists at Washbowl State University, this disease is both phys-

ically and mentally draining. Once diagnosed with such an illness, life expectancy is 20 to 30 remaining flushes, unless of course, the problem is caught in the early stages of development.

"J. W. Crapper, inventor of the Tidy Bowl, never invisioned such mistreatment of myself and my colleagues," commented John La Trine.

"They tried removing those puke green doors, but the smoke still remained. Now I have Drain Cancer and I'm all backed up. This has to stop before many more of the young Johns entering the business contract the same disease."

***John La Trine died on National Smokeout Day from withdrawal symptoms. He was 139 flushes old.

Community Commentary

SCHOOL LUNCH
THEN AND NOW

by Grumpy Old Man

I'm feeling testy, I'm feeling cantankerous, I'm feeling like a wet goopy rash, under the armpits of a large, swamp dwelling, leach coated, maggot eating, bull frog and I'm going to tell you why. It seems fashionable these days to complain about the goings on about the learning facility in which you're being educated. All I can say is that compared to my day you little whelps have got it easy.

I've heard all of you young'uns complaining about the food in your cafeteria. Well let me tell you, in my day, we didn't have this big selection of buns with meat in the middle, if we wanted to eat hamburgers and hot dogs we had to go out and kill the horse or dog or one of the retired folks up on the hill ourselves. Then we had to skin it, cut it into little, soft, pink, bloody chunks of skin and bones and organs and squirmly things like that. Then if we still had time before Biology, we'd take the juicy slabs of carcass, wipe the tape worms off, stick it between two hunks of bark and eat it. Yes sir, that's the way it was in my day and we liked it that way.

And these prepack-

aged dessert cookie things made by "Grandma". In my day, Grandma was an ugly old bag who couldn't boil water and when she tried, little lumps of green stuff fell out of her hair and made the whole house smell like Grampa's shorts after a long day in the coal mines. Yes sir, her cooking was brown and sticky no matter what she cooked and sometimes when you weren't looking it'd bite you back and we liked it! That's the way it was in my day and we loved it that way!

And all you people moaning about these styrofoam trays destroying the environment! Why in my day we didn't know anything about the environment. We burned things and we cut down trees and we littered. Sure, the air turned brown and the birds died and piled up in the streets and we had hunks of dead meat lying everywhere, but we liked it that way! Yes sir, we loved it because we were uneducated, ignorant, stupid, MORONS who killed our own lunch and had ugly grandmothers and killed the little fishies and birdies and everything else that got in our way. That's the way it was in my day and that's because we liked it that way! Now get out of my face you #BX% runt!



Goody and Boony - senioritis at its best.

Seenyorituss: a Justyfikashun

by the DUDES

Senoiritis. What is it? Why does it happen? Can it be cured?

The answers: I don't know, I don't know, and I hope not, respectively. The truth is, we probably could figure the answers out, but (hee hee) we're seniors, and we don't really care to try.

According to psychological expert, well... we weren't paying all that much attention, but we think it had something to do with sunshine, superiority (above EVERYONE), and college acceptance. You see, (or at least you would see, if you had half a brain), we just really don't care! Not much more to it. So give up.

The reason we're writing this article, instead of enjoying the pleasures of blowing off our normal homework, is simply to banish that insane concept that teachers hold. You know -- the one that says do pages 1-568, every prime numbered page, even problems only. Or "cover your book" -- who do they think we are? Einstains?

By the way, we DO know how to use the spellchecker -- we just don't feel like wasting the energy on you. So Go read a coloring book or something more appropriate for a mal-developed fungal mutation, like yourself.

We don't feel like writing anymore....

ROVING REPORTER



My God, the press! I've told you before, Ivana and I are just friends!

"Mrs. Abbott, what do you think of distributing condoms in gym?"

"What do you think of the recent development in Lithuania?"



Seth Hilliker by day, SENIOR AVENGER THE REST OF THE TIME!!!!



Jim Poteet typing as the creatures look on.

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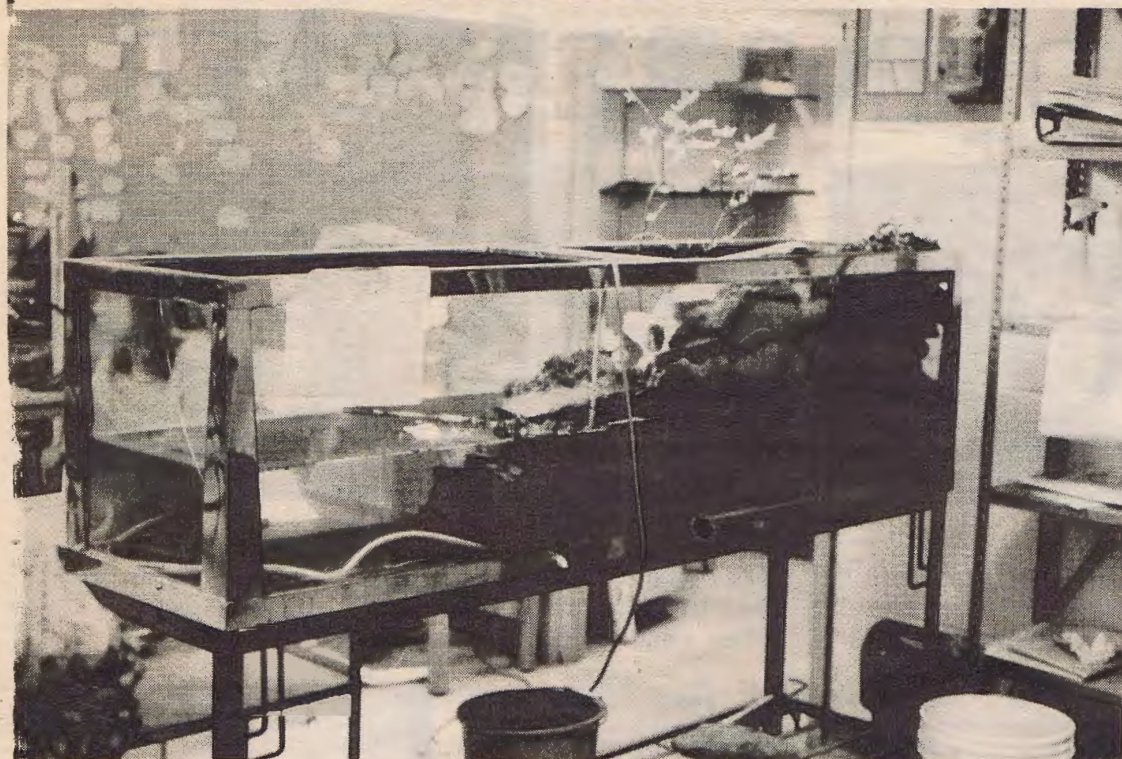
female English teacher and come back in the fall as a male shop teacher named Gus. "I just feel so much like a man trapped in a woman's body. Besides, I've always liked playing with hard wooden things," she said.

According to the administration, the main plan for next year is to create as many new policies as possible to make the school run more smoothly. Ms. Tan summed up the changes, "Only by instituting a system of strict rules and harsh, time consuming, tedious, unnecessary and pointless punishments will Oyster River be a happy, fun place to learn."



"That's ridiculous! We haven't had a parking problem yet this year! Why start worrying now?!"





Ecology tank put together by Advanced Biology class— come and see it!

Economics class to sell glass mugs as alternative to styrofoam use in caf.

by Jamie McKinnon

Oyster River High School Business Teacher Linda Barnaby has started the group Environmentally Concerned Oyster River Students with her fourth period economics class.

E.C.O.R.S. was started in order to ban the use of styrofoam cups as drinking utensils.

The class product is an Oyster River glass mug which is supposed to replace the styrofoam cup. According to Mrs. Barnaby the mugs are to

take place of the cups in the school cafeteria. "We're hoping that the kids will use their glasses at the lunch table to make a statement about our organization," said Barnaby.

The design and picture of the glasses have been shown to many students during lunch periods. Their reactions to the idea were good and only a few people said they wouldn't buy one. The mugs will also be offered to others,

not just students, as the E.C.O.R.S. members are urged to sell door to door.

The 288 glasses have not yet been ordered but stock is being sold.

The mugs cost \$5 and sales should start in late April.

On sabbatical leave

Mrs. Rous plans work on environmental topics and community activities

by Danielle Wesley

Oyster River High School English teacher Emma Rous has been awarded a one-year sabbatical leave for next year.

During her leave she would like to travel, hike, and do other outdoor activities. Mrs. Rous also hopes to create a new English-science class dealing with ethnical questions such as the creation of life and how people obtain knowledge.

Mrs. Rous plans to get a lot accomplished. "It's my last chance to do everything I ever wanted to do," she said.

"I would like to work with environmental topics and get involved with community activities. I will also visit other schools to share reading lists and

environmental topics," she explained.

During Mrs. Rous' sabbatical she will be paid half her regular salary. Mrs. Rous was eligible for a leave because she had taught here for more than seven years.

To apply for a sabbatical leave she had to write an essay saying what she was going to do. A committee of teachers, administrators and parents read the essay and asked questions. Applications are chosen whose plans seem most beneficial to the school district.

When Mrs. Rous returns from her leave, she plans to teach the same courses she teaches now. She may also teach the new environmental course she will be developing.

"SNOW DAY" DECISION RESTS WITH O.R. DISTRICT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

by Toby Mautz

Oyster River High School students are now scheduled to end school June 21 instead of June 18 because of three snow days in January and February, according to school officials.

School District Business Administrator Michael Everngam decided to cancel school January 30, February 15, and 16. A one hour delay was called on January 17.

Seniors do not need to make up these days,

commented Mr. Everngam, although more snow days could delay graduation.

The state requires students to attend classes for 180 days. More snow days may force the school board to get a waiver from the state in order to allow seniors to graduate June 15.

Makeup days for future snow cancellations are scheduled June 22, 25, 26, and 27. The one hour delay on February 17 does not need to be made up.

Mr. Everngam decides

whether or not to cancel school based on two different weather reports: a 24 hour national report, and a private, local report. Mr. Everngam also contacts the Durham, Lee, and Madbury Public Works Department about road conditions.

"If snow is expected there is usually not a problem," commented Mr.

Everngam. "The busses are able to handle the snow. The danger is when there is freezing rain."

At Middlebury College

THREE STUDENTS TO GO TO WRITERS' MEETING

by Scott Poteet

From May 17 through May 20 three Oyster River High School students will attend the New England Conference, called Breadloaf, on the campus of Middlebury College.

Usually one student is selected per school, but this year there were three chosen from O.R.H.S. The three students that were accepted are junior William Nye, and sophomores Brandon Ammann and Kerri MacPherson.

English teacher Richard Tappan will chaperone. Mr. Tappan has taken part in writing seminars at Middlebury College in the past.

English teachers informed students of the contest and interested students submitted a writing piece as an application.

At Breadloaf, named after neighboring mountains, students from all over New England will come and share their writing. Famous writers will also attend, sharing their pieces while instructing the students.

Mr. Tappan feels that this is a good opportunity for them to experience and grow as writers. Nye said, "It will give me a chance to see what others write and to learn and expand my writing ability."



The Boys' Basketball teams celebrates UCONN's victory over Clemson

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chance for anti-Seabrook groups to organize a complaint.

Sophomore Bill Ross said, "Although nuclear power has its advantages, it is not worth the human lives that it can take." Ross along with many other students, does not feel the evacuation plans at Seabrook are satisfactory.

"Seabrook is not necessary; we could use many other resources, wind, water. We do not need to use nuclear power," said senior Juli Bullard.

Some students do not worry about Seabrook. Senior Tom Willey feels Seabrook is extremely safe. "I would live next to the plant. I believe in the safety and technology. I don't foresee any problems," he said.

Business teacher Linda Barnaby also feels that nuclear power is safe. "You either assume there will be a problem or you assume there won't, I assume there won't."

According to Biology Teacher Michelle Houseman, nuclear power may be the answer to our energy needs. "The actual quantity of waste nuclear power produces is far less than the amount coal production produces," said Ms. Houseman. Ms. Houseman also has negative feelings toward Seabrook. "As far as Seabrook goes, it was poor planning to build Seabrook on such a small, beautiful seacoast," she said.

Ninth-grader Matt DiPentima worries because of the problem that occurred at Chernobyl. According to DiPentima, "Nuclear power would be a good source of power if it were cleaner and safer."

Human error is a problem that worries many including sophomore Russ DeForest. "Nuclear power is too dangerous for society", commented DeForest. When Russ goes away to college, he is going to make sure it is a school far away from any nuclear plants like Seabrook.

With Seabrook gearing up to serve the Seacoast, students are generally worried. "No matter how fool-proof they think it is, there could always be a malfunction," said Senior Doug Cleary.

Yearbook cont.
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According to Ms. Nash, students do all of the work. "The yearbook reflects the ORHS students," Ms. Nash stated.

The actual cost of each yearbook is approximately \$37. The \$12 difference is made up through ads and a senior class contribution of \$500. Ads run \$250 for full page, and \$150 for half page.

The yearbook staff is not yet sure whether or not they will be in debt. Some students who placed a down payment may decide not to pay the rest. If other students in the spring do not buy the extra yearbooks, the staff might find themselves with a debt.

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homicide for the maximum sentence. Judge Nadeau ordered a sentence of 21 to 42 months. Ebinger took back his plea bargain and is now going to trial.

The trial will be held in either Rockingham or Carroll County. "My client is facing an atmosphere of prejudice, emotional almost insanity," said Ebinger's lawyer Alfred Catalfo. In October 1988 Ebinger was charged with negligent homicide. He was allegedly intoxicated and crossed over the Route 125 breakdown lane in Lee striking Fournier as she was writing her bicycle. Twenty of Fournier's friends were at the sentencing holding yellow daffodils, her favorite flower.



Ken Gowen catches senioritis three years early



Collaborates with Joe Saxe

Dave Ervin rewrites "Pirates of Penzance" Into modern street gangs

by Shelley Peters

The Oyster River Middle School annual play "Pirates of Penzance" was presented last Thursday and Friday at Oyster River High School.

Admission was \$2.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults. The play ended at 9:30 with a full house.

Each year as part of the Middle School Music Program, the eighth grade presents an opera by Gilbert and Sullivan.

This year, Director David Ervin changed the setting from among the English aristocracy to an American street gang. Some of the lyrics had to be changed to fit the play.

"It seemed the entire audience really liked it," said senior Karen Gooze. Gooze felt the change in setting was very effective.

Junior Matt Frazier found it "hard to understand what they were saying. They were not speaking clearly."

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MAN OF THE HOUSE

By ROBERT ALAN BLAIR

PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE
DENVER, COLORADO**Senior to direct comedy
"Man of the House"**

by Jenifer Marshall

Oyster River High School senior Anne Simmons, director of the student production of "Man of the House", has filled three of the ten roles.

Based on past work in drama and acting, Erik Knapp was cast as "The Man", Jessica Winston as "Tammy," and Kristie Rock as "Violet". She has not yet chosen a performance date, Simmons said.

According to Simmons there has been a great

deal of interest in trying out. She has not yet set a date for tryouts.

Rock commented, "I'm excited because I've never worked with a student director before and it will be different."

The one act comedy tells the story of a family who discovers a cat burglar in their house and mistakes him as a long lost uncle.

The focus is on his comic efforts to live up to the role of the long lost relative.

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back to its original popularity," stated senior co-chairperson Eric Knapp, "and hopefully this assembly will bring in some new members."

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will be able to gather information on environmental issues and addresses of contacts that EAR has compiled.

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**Russian Teacher Injured
in Skiing Mishap**

by Scott Poteet

On March 16 Yelena Evstignneeva fell skiing at Ragged Mt. Ski Resort, seriously injuring her knee and extending her stay in America.

According to English teacher Emma Rous, Ms. Evstignneeva wanted to try the tougher slopes on her first day of skiing. "Yelena felt very nervous at the top and tried to stop by sitting down, but ended up twisting her knee and tearing two ligaments," said Rous.

She was escorted down on a sled by the ski patrol.

Ms. Evstignneeva had her knee checked by a physician who advised that surgery was necessary and the longest her knee could last without it was 14 days. Then the decision had to be made whether to do the operation here or in the Soviet Union since the day they were scheduled to depart was 14 days away.

With the help of Mrs. Rous, they decided the surgery should be

**Novice Play "The Inundation"
Features massive closing flood**

by Jenna McNeill

"The Inundation," a melodrama written in the 1830s, was performed on March 15 and 16 in the cafeteria.

This production is the "novice" show, an opportunity for students who have not had major parts before, or who are new to the high school stage, to have a role. The play was directed by Mr. Steve Denson and involved twenty-five cast members plus a backstage crew.

Ninth grader Ben Stamper played the role of Charles, a young man of noble character who is prevented from marrying the girl of his

dreams because of his greedy, self-seeking father, played by Charlie Adkins.

Emily Franzosa played his sweetheart, a charming innocent thing, who alas! had already had Charles' child (a situation causing more than a little embarrassment considering her image of innocence!).

Melodramas are meant to poke fun at "soap opera" extreme situations by using characters who represent "purity," "villainous greed," "noble heroism," etc.

Other major characters in the play were played by Tim Myers,

Stefanie Adams, Scott Long, Bryan Killough, and Tom Willey as the master of ceremonies.

Between scenes, humorous musical pieces were performed by a sextet of girls as well as some of the characters from the play.

The staging effect which created the most public comment was the flood scene. At the end of the play, the villain's hidden treasure of gold and gems is supposedly washed away in a major flood.

This effect was produced with clever use of fabric strips, cutouts of boats and floating debris, with lights and sound.



"The Inundation," left to right: Wendi Gray, Christine Jackson, Elizabeth Bucar, Pam Lowy, Tim Myers and Stephanie Adams.

performed in the U.S. Ms. Evstignneeva was quite relieved.

She entered Wentworth Douglas Hospital March 19. The operation was performed that morning and she stayed in the hospital most of the day to recover from the surgery.

Ms. Evstignneeva returned to the Rous home to be greeted by many visitors. Mrs. Rous said, "She feels right at home here because we treat her like family."

"It is too early to determine who will pay the bills, but insurance and donations may possibly be the source of funds," said Mrs. Rous.

With only two weeks of recovery to go, Ms. Evstignneeva wished she could take her American family with her to the Soviet Union.

**"COMEDY OF ERRORS"
TO BE PRESENTED BY
UNH AS SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY IN APRIL**

by Jenifer Marshall

In April, the Oyster River Educational Workshop will sponsor Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" at Oyster River High School.

Although a definite date for the performance is not available, the 90 minute play will be run in its entirety during morning classes. Resulting in the shortening of morning classes to accommodate the addition of the play schedule.

The play will be performed by the University of New Hampshire with their class materials, and funded in part by O.R.E.W. and in part by the O.R.H.S. account for special programs.

The comedy borders on slapstick and tells the story of Aegeon, a merchant who is to be put to death for the failure to pay a fine. The farce follows his confusing and comical situation.



Jim Poteet going for the gold.

Track

Practice meet on April 5 or 6 in Spaulding

by Jeremy Ward

The boys and girls first meet scheduled for April 7 at Londonderry has been cancelled. The team is planning a practice meet at Spaulding for April 5 or 6.

The Oyster River High School Boys' and Girls' spring track team began practicing on March 15 at the University of New Hampshire field house track.

The boys team, coached by Joe Scacetelli, will be small with only 15 runners, but will be big on talent. Only Mark Hagerty was lost to graduation.

Senior Captain Bill Myers finished in the top ten during winter track and is expected to carry the load in the 100 and 200 meter runs.

Senior captains Jim Poteet and Mike Levasseur also finished in the top ten during winter track. They will lead O.R. runners in the 1600 and 3200 meter events.

The girls will be returning 14 of 20 runners from last year with very few gaps in the roster.

Senior Lisa Barney has a chance at a state championship in the triple and long jumps. While senior Janet Moore has an equally good chance in the 300 meter hurdles.

Senior distance

runners Amy Martin said, "We are strong in the distance events but the only field person we have is Lisa Barney."

The girls' distance runners are extremely strong, led by junior Jen Thompson, the defending state champ in the 1600 meter run.

Girls coach "Doc" Burton is excited about three talented ninth graders: Amer Proulx, Amy Lebeck, and Sarla DeGeorge. He says they will create a good mix for the team.

Both teams will be hindered by small numbers. The boys' 15 runners and the girls' 17 will be no match for the larger teams such as Hanover with 50 or 60 runners.

Levasseur commented, "We need more people. We have good individuals but we don't have a large team."



Lisa Barney in stride

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it here because of financial reasons.

After it was learned that the Soviet Union would only allow students to bring the equivalent of 16 dollars with them, trip coordinators Alex Herlihy and Barbara Troxell had to move quickly to get donations for the group.

Fifteen ORHS families volunteered to let one of the students or teachers live with them during their stay. Locations the students visited also contributed by donating gift certificates or free gifts.

On March 12, an after school reception was held in the Library after the first day of attending classes. One at a time, Russian students and teachers introduced themselves and commented on how they felt welcome at ORHS.

Irina Griqoriyan, one of the students, commented, "Everything that I've seen in the U.S. looks so perfect, but I'm sure there are problems here too."

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"We need to get the students involved and aware, so that everyone will know the effects their lives have on our environment," stated senior Marisa More. At a recent meeting Mr. Byrnes said that although some of the efforts that we need to make might be inconvenient and bothersome, we need to take action to save the environment.



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installed beginning this season. The rule will limit pitchers to work no more than nine innings per week and will require them three days rest after working five or more innings in one game, according to Nichols.

During the season, LaChance will put up to four others besides Poulin on the mound. These will include Mautz, Josh Hodgson, Aaron McNeilly, and

Greg Provencher, none of whom have much experience at the position. Although it may be a detriment to the team, LaChance said, "I like the new pitching rule because it prevents people from overthrowing a kid."

The new pitching rule has brought about a change in the playoff format as well. Class I will expand its tournament to 16 teams with no byes for the top-ranked teams.



Boys basketball team watching the UCONN NCAA playoff basketball game.

CHRIS MAUTZ CLOSES YEAR AS BOARD REP.

by Jason Wall

After serving on the School Board for about a year, Student Representative Chris Mautz has stepped down.

School Board member Martha Gooze said that Mautz provided an essential link between the student council and the school board. He also links the school board with the student body in thought and opinion.

Mrs. Gooze called Mautz a good listener, an effective liaison, who attended most all of the board meetings.

"Chris represents the students, not himself," said Mrs. Gooze. "It's a very important position." Mrs. Gooze noted that any representative must be dedicated. Board meetings are every Wednesday night, and often carry over into a second night.

Some issues Mautz has dealt with directly have been: drug abuse, budget cuts, and school atmosphere. Mrs. Gooze reiterated the importance of Mautz's opinion on the topic of budget cuts in the applied business department. He also states he has tried to eliminate misconceptions about drug abuse in Oyster River.

Even though this year has been mostly budget in nature, Mautz has attended what he guessed was 90% of the meetings and as reported to the student council weekly.



Sports



Tennis to begin April 4



by Mike Williams

The Oyster River High School Tennis Team start their season April 4, against Nashua, the boys away and the girls at home.

The boys team is coming off a great season, finishing first in the Seacoast and going to the quarter finals in the State Tournament last year.

"I think we should have a good year this year," said junior Alex Collins. This year's

team lost four starters: Rich Matusow, Greg Cowern, and Peter Canonico to graduation and Craig Gwinn to Berwick Academy. Coach Peggy Hylton is returning.

The girls team headed by a new head coach Ginger Craig also expects a good season. "I think the team has a lot of potential if we work really hard," ninth grader Jill Shapiro commented.

9 Cheerleaders Picked

by Kristen Haley

At least 23 Oyster River High School girls had expressed an interest in joining next year's cheerleading squad, team officials said last week.

Tryouts began last week. Special tryouts began Monday, March 26 for girls playing spring sports.

New ORHS cheerleading coaches Ginny Tagliaferro and Terry Provencher are trying to restore enthusiasm and school spirit to a respectable level.

Boy's Varsity Bask-

etball Coach Don Maynard said, "It's great that Mrs. Tagliaferro and Mrs. Provencher have the enthusiasm to get it going now." With basketball game attendance dwindling, Mr. Maynard thinks that a new cheerleading squad will be a big help next year.

Mrs. Tagliaferro said, "By knowing a lot of students in school, we (Mrs. Provencher and I) can encourage kids to try out." In order to be considered, the girls had to go to three of the four

tryouts.

Mrs. Tagliaferro and Mrs. Provencher were contemplating picking ten girls, and holding tryouts in the fall for two more spots for new students and eighth graders.

The final students to be accepted were: juniors Audrey Graves, and Heather James sophomores Jessica Orkin, Erica Beck, Mandy Tappan, and Christine Jackson; and ninth graders Amanda Hanson, Jill Shapiro, and Jennifer Bratt.

SOFTBALL '90

Opening Games on April 9 in Somersworth BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

by Eric Sundburg

The Oyster River High School Softball and Baseball teams are scheduled to open their seasons April 9 and 10, respectively, at Somersworth High School.

Both teams began to workout on March 19 and are still finalizing their rosters. Softball Coach Cathy Baker made her final cuts on Friday, March 23. Jerry LaChance, the boys coach, hopes to cut down to a final group of 14 or 16 players by Monday.

Baker's softball team will hope to improve on its past few years of hard luck, including its 5-13 performance last year. Only three seniors graduated from last year's team. Returning starters include Juli Bullard, Deanna Comtois, Maggie Farrell, Janice Philbrook, Tara Truelson, Sue Varholy, and Tory Jennison.

"I expect more out of them than I got last year," commented Baker. "Hopefully, we'll be over 500 and make the tournament with the people we have returning."

Senior Pitcher/Shortstop Truelson noted, "We have a lot people with experience back so we're going to be stronger than we have been in recent years."

The defending championship baseball team looks to repeat after

last year's perfect 20-0 showing. However, the team lost all but four regulars because of graduation. Worse yet, "One returning starter will not be playing until report cards come out (in mid-April)," according to Athletic Director Dave Nichols. The four returners include Scott Goodman, Erin Marcotte, Chris Mautz, and Brad Poulin. Marcotte has yet to begin his practicing with the team.

The team, however, is optimistic even though there will be a lack of experience.

Senior Chris Mautz reflected, "I think our coach is very smart and will pull some things out of his hat: gimmicks, tricks plays, et cetera. We won't be as deep as last year, but we have some people back who should be able to excel." LaChance agrees that he will "have to do some fancy coaching" to achieve the type of success that he had last year.

LaChance's preseason goals include a winning record and a spot in the tourney. "Those are the same goals we started with last year," he commented.

Poulin is the only returning pitcher. This 'pitching draught' comes at a bad time for the Bobcats as a new pitching rule will be



Softball Members (clockwise) Deanna Comtois, Juli Bullard, Sue Varholy, Tara Truelson, Elaine Courtemanche, Hope Kennedy, Tory Jennison, Maria Lewis, Jen Friel, Janice Philbrook, and Jen Olech.